

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 17, 2007, the Examiner rejected the claims as being anticipated by Kwock et al. The Examiner indicates that the disclosed cow milk composition contains ferric iron bound lactobionate and IGF-1. Applicants have amended the claims to indicate that the IGF-1 in the claimed composition is recombinant. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at p. 35, lines 15-24. The IGF-1 in the Kwock reference is not recombinant. As a result, the claims are not anticipated. Furthermore, none of the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a composition comprising recombinant IGF-1 and lactobionate as presently claimed.

The Examiner further indicates that claim 66 is a substantial duplicate of claim 60. Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 66 is an independent claim while claim 60 is a dependent claim. Thus, the claims are not identical. Applicants further note that Claim 67 is an independent claim and should have been in allowable form based on the Examiner's comments on page 4 of the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

All grounds of rejection of the Office Action of October 17, 2007 have been addressed and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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